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During the week ended May 13, 1905, there were 31 deaths from cholera and 324 from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal during the week ended May 6, 1905, there were 2,641 cases of and 2,435 deaths from plague.

*Measures for rat extermination recommended for Bengal.*

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has written to the government of Bengal relative to the extermination of rats as a preventive measure against plague. In its letter it calls attention to the good results following crusades against rats and intimates that any measures adopted by the government toward the extermination of rats would meet with strong support. It suggests that to be of real service in preventing plague epidemics any efforts made against rats should be widespread and cover every district of the city and should be persisted in throughout the year and not confined to times when plague is prevalent. In closing the letter reference was made to the measures adopted at Giridih and their attendant success.

ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Rejections recommended—Infectious diseases in Italy.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, June 5, as follows:

During the week ended June 3, 1905, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 1	Baionne .....	Philadelphia .....			
1	Roma .....	New York .....	1,263	150	1,450
1	Città di Milano .....	do .....	1,461	110	1,650
2	König Albert .....	do .....	1,496	200	1,750
3	Italia .....	do .....	963	70	980

*Rejections recommended.*

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
June 1	Baionne .....						
1	Roma .....	42	5	53		3	103
1	Città di Milano .....	38	1	19	2	11	71
2	König Albert .....	29	5	30	1	7	72
3	Italia .....	38	3	33	3	6	83
		147	14	135	6	27	329

*Infectious diseases in Italy.*

For the week ended May 25, 1905, the following reports were officially registered:

*Smallpox.*—There were reported 9 cases in 5 communes of the Province of Lecce, 3 cases in the Province of Palermo, 44 cases at Catania. Cases were reported, too, in the Provinces of Chieti and Avellino.